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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Recommended Assignment to the National Security Agency of Responsibility for and Control of ELINT Processing and Analysis

REFERENCE: Memorandum for the Secretaries of State and Defense, dated July 25, 1958, from the Executive Secretary, NSC

This is to advise that as of July 31, 1958, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, as members of the Council's Special Committee for COMINT, reported concurrence in your recommendation on the subject as contained in the reference memorandum.

There are now being circulated to the NSC the proposed revisions of NSCIDs which have been received by this office, one of which appears to carry out the above-mentioned recommendation which has been approved by the Special Committee for COMINT. It is assumed, therefore, that unless otherwise advised, the submission of proposed revisions of NSCIDs constitutes completed action with respect to that recommendation.

/s/

JAMES S. LAY, JR.,
Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE IAC AND USCIB

SUBJECT: NSCID No. 6 -- Recommendation of the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence with Reference to Paragraph 3.

1. On the afternoon of 22 August, Dr. Killian and General Hull met with General Cabell and myself to present their views and recommendations with respect to NSCID No. 6 which is currently scheduled for NSC consideration on 28 August 1958.

2. Dr. Killian and General Hull expressed the view that paragraph 3. of the directive is improperly placed, too inflexible, and inconsistent with the authority of DIRNSA as set forth in paragraphs 8.a. and 8.c. It is my understanding that they intend to recommend to the NSC that a change along the following lines be made in the directive:

Modify the wording of present paragraph 3. and add it in amended form as a new paragraph 6.c. to paragraph 6. which deals with the responsibility of the Secretary of Defense. The new paragraph, as I understand they would propose it, would be somewhat as follows:

"6.c. The responsibility to conduct those ELINT collection and processing activities which the Secretary of Defense determines (, with the advice of DIRNSA,?) are essential to provide direct support to commanders who plan and conduct military operations, will be delegated by the Secretary of Defense to those commanders, or to the cryptologic agencies which support them."

3. Dr. Killian and General Hull believe that the new wording indicated above will properly provide that any delegations of responsibility in the ELINT field will be made at the discretion of the Secretary of Defense as the executive agent of the Government for ELINT and, further, will clearly indicate the advisory role DIRNSA should have in such matters in the light of his responsibilities under the provisions of paragraphs 8.a. and 8.c.

4. Dr. Killian and General Hull also raised some questions about the wording of paragraph 9.a. of the draft NSCID No. 6. but did not suggest any specific amendment or modification. They may wish to discuss this at the NSC meeting.

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5. I suggest that we discuss this matter at the joint TAC-USCTB meeting on 26 August.

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